

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 712

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor Sheriff's Deputy Jenna Markland for her courageous actions in the line of duty.

WHEREAS, the Volunteer State is proud to be the home of thousands of valiant women and men who serve as law enforcement officers; these intrepid professionals continue the time-honored tradition of public service by protecting and serving the good people of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Carter County Sheriff's Deputy Jenna Markland is one such exceptional law enforcement officer who displayed great courage in the midst of a shootout in December 2015; and

WHEREAS, along with several other deputies and the Carter County Sheriff, Deputy Markland was on the scene to apprehend a perpetrator armed with an AK-47 assault rifle; and

WHEREAS, as the perpetrator sprayed the patrol cars with bullets, Deputy Markland was shot in the head twice; and

WHEREAS, fortunately for Deputy Markland, the wounds were not life-threatening, and she was released from the hospital within twenty-four hours of her admittance, ready to go back to work; and

WHEREAS, in the face of certain danger, Deputy Markland never wavered from her duty to defuse a dangerous situation, while protecting the lives of her fellow officers; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Jenna Markland is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRENCE, that we commend Carter County Sheriff's Deputy Jenna Markland for her courageous actions in the line of duty, thank her for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Carter County and the State of Tennessee, and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.